

ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS PARISH

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Mass Schedule

- Saturday: 4:30 pm Vigil
- Sunday: 8:30 am; 11 am;
5 pm (no music)
- Monday-Friday: 8:30 am

Morning Prayer

8:15 am before weekday Mass

Confession

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 pm
or by appointment

Adoration Chapel and Church are open

9 am-5 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

daily at 3 pm

Rosary

Saturdays at 4 pm

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9 am-3 pm

Offertory

Feb 3/4: \$5922.00

OLG: \$2,660.00

Maintenance: \$1,011.00

Staff

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E-News

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — 11 FEBRUARY 2024

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.

Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It begins with **Ash Wednesday**. Ashes will be distributed at the February 14, 8:30 am Mass ONLY. It is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. **Stations of the Cross** will be on all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday at 7 pm.

The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Join our Lenten Study **Lectio**:

Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God on Mondays at 6:30 pm (beginning February 26 and ending April 1). Fr. Shawn will be presenting this six-week study by Augustine Institute. See the flyers for more information. Before February 14, contact the office (office@stmarguerite.org, 203-775-5117, x212) to reserve your spot and purchase the workbook (\$20).

The parish recently purchased a subscription to **FORMED** which is a Catholic streaming site from Augustine Institute. There is no cost for you to use the site. Set up an account by logging into formed.org, enter the zip code 06804, then choose "St. Marguerite Bourgeoys".

The Knights of Columbus thank you for your

donations to their **Coats for Kids** drive. The Knights collected over 250 coats and were able to contribute to Operation Christmas Box: Ignite Kids Helping Kids to bring Christmas joy to 60+ Brookfield children being serviced by Brookfield Social Services.

2024 Bishop's Appeal: For over 100 years, Catholic Charities of Fairfield County has provided a broad spectrum of social services to the extended Fairfield County community. The demand for the agency's services continue to skyrocket as families are impacted by the continual increase in costs for food, housing, and gas. Thanks to so many parishioners around the Diocese, Catholic Charities of Fairfield County continues to be one of the largest private social service providers in Connecticut. The agency's mission is to help the needy and most vulnerable of all faiths to permanently improve their lives, providing supportive services that enable families to rise out of poverty, overcome barriers, and achieve self-sufficiency and independence. Catholic Charities serves all people without regard to age, race, religion, or ability to pay. For details or to make a gift to the Bishop's Appeal, visit 2024BishopsAppeal.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Feb 12

8:30 +Jack and Florence Gill by Mary Frank

Tues, Feb 13

8:30 Ints of Ronni Gray by Ann Santi

Wed, Feb 14: Ash Wednesday

8:30 +Ramon Moran by Katy Murphy

Thurs, Feb 15

8:30 +Angelo Rotello by Theresa & Richard Bell

Fri, Feb 16

8:30 +Jean and Joseph McCabe by family

Offering: Mass — \$10; Altar Candles — \$20; Hosts — \$15; Sanctuary Candle — \$10; Sacramental Wine — \$10;
St Marguerite Candle — \$10. Contact the office for Mass/Candle Intentions for living/deceased.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon, Feb 12

10 am

Cenacle

6 pm

Sodality

Tues, Feb 13

9:15 am

Legion of Mary

10 am

Rosary/Prayer

Shawl

Fri, Feb 16

7 pm

Stations of the
Cross

LENTEN STUDY

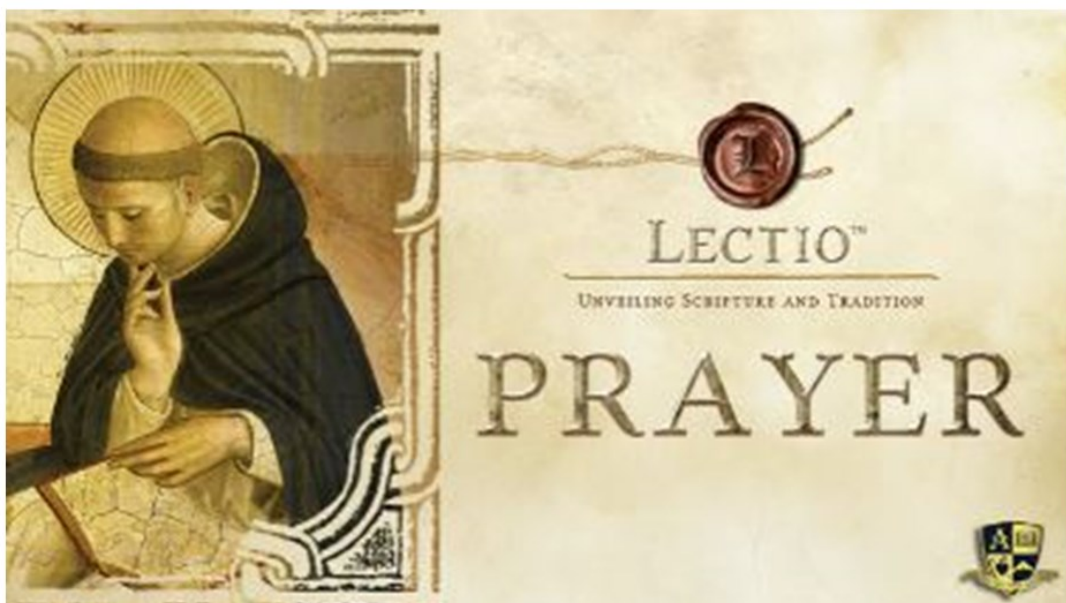
LECTIO: PRAYER: FINDING INTIMACY WITH GOD

We know the three pillars of Lent to be PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING. This Lenten season join us for a Lectio study of prayer. Fr. Shawn will guide us through the study which includes six video sessions with Dr. Tim Gray.

Through Lectio, we will learn how to open “our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love.”

The study will meet on Mondays (February 26th, March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, March 25th, and April 1st) from 6:30-7:30pm in the church hall.

The fee for the study is \$20 which includes a book that helps participants to use Lectio to “read, reflect, respond and contemplate” with Scripture and develop a deeper “intimacy with God”. Join us for this inspiring Lenten journey by emailing office@stmarguerite.org or calling 203-775-5117, x212. Please contact us by February 14th so we can order materials before the class begins!





SCAN ME



**GET MORE INFORMATION AT
2024BISHOPSAPPEAL.ORG**



The Bishop's Appeal is the major source of revenue for supporting the ministries and agencies of the Diocese of Bridgeport. It is these faith-based programs, services and ministries that enable the Church of Bridgeport under the direction of Bishop Frank Caggiano to reach across parish boundaries in the areas of: Faith and Ministry, Charity and Pastoral Services and Education and Catechesis.

The Appeal enables Catholic Charities to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable and needy people across Fairfield County through 30+ programs that:

Nourish the Hungry:

- ~ Catholic Charities served over 2 million meals since the pandemic began via its soup kitchens, food pantries, the Morning Glory Breakfast Program, the Meals on Wheels program for homebound elderly, and for the families of the Room to Grow Pre-school.
- ~ The SNAP Program was launched to assist food insecure clients in receiving food stamp benefits and other important resources.

Shelter the Homeless:

- ~ Bethlehem House II in Stratford opened to house increasing numbers of formerly homeless families that are able to be offered transitional and supportive housing for a fresh start.
- ~ Caseworkers are assisting clients with disabilities or special needs to assist with life skills and case management services.

Strengthen Families and Individuals:

- ~ Catholic Charities' Mental Health Counseling services provides in-person and telehealth counseling to clients suffering from an array of issues, including anxiety and depression due to the pandemic. The program is open to clients of all income levels and is currently scheduling appointments for new clients, including individual, marital and family therapy.
- ~ Room to Grow Preschool in Norwalk opened a food pantry and Family Resource Center to provide families with the essential wrap-around services as an additional support throughout the pandemic and beyond. Room to Grow serves hard working families, many of whom either lost jobs or had their income reduced due to the effects of the pandemic.
- ~ Immigrant Services assists newcomers to the US with immigration legal assistance and connects them with support services.
- ~ Operation Help was created to help identify resources and provide support to help meet basic needs of clients across agency programs.
- ~ The Family Loan Program provides low-interest loans to working parents throughout the entire loan application process and teach them the skills they need to improve their credit score, and help them move towards financial independence.

Your gifts to the Appeal also helped make it possible to:

- Award financial scholarships to 85% of students in the Catholic Academy of Bridgeport;
- Award financial assistance for Catholic education through the Bishop's Scholarship Fund;
- Ensure that children and young adults had the opportunity to participate in religious education programs;
- Educate and train 22 men for ordination to the priesthood in our Diocese;
- Educate and train 6 men for ordination to the Permanent Diaconate program;
- Care for 74 senior priests in their dignified retirement;
- Afford our youth with meaningful opportunities to mature as holy and active members of society through a wide range of faith-based programs;
- Respond to spiritual, educational and social needs of persons with disabilities through the St. Catherine Center for Special Needs.

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT...

For over 100 years, Catholic Charities of Fairfield County has provided a broad spectrum of social services to the extended Fairfield County community. The demand for the agency's services continue to skyrocket as the homeless and low-income families are impacted by the continual increase in costs for food, housing, and gas squeeze low-income service workers.

Thanks to the time, talent, and treasure of so many parishioners around the Diocese, Catholic Charities of Fairfield County continues to be one of the largest private social service providers in Connecticut, offering assistance throughout the 23 towns in the Diocese. The agency's mission is to help the needy and most vulnerable of all faiths to permanently improve their lives, providing supportive services that enable families to rise out of poverty, overcome barriers, and achieve self-sufficiency and independence. Catholic Charities envisions a Fairfield County where all individuals have the basic necessities – food, shelter, and support –to reach their full potential as healthy, educated, and self-sufficient individuals. The agency serves all people without regard to age, race, religion, or ability to pay.

Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal will assist Catholic Charities and continue to do the incredible work that it does for our most vulnerable neighbors in Fairfield County. Thank you for your gift. For details, visit 2024BishopsAppeal.org.

Donate at 2024BishopsAppeal.org.

UPDATE



Serving Our Community

Last year, your donations to the Bishop's Appeal made it possible for Catholic Charities to provide hope and healing to our brothers and sisters in need across Fairfield County.



Catholic Charities Distributed:

1,000,000+ meals
3,000 donated toys
6,200+ socks
3,500+ toiletry bags
2,000+ winter coats

***Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities
through the Bishop's Appeal.***

***Together, One in Christ, we can continue to support our
brothers and sisters who are most in need.***

www.2024BishopsAppeal.org

Eucharistic Miracle of **FLORENCE**

ITALY, 1230-1595



The reliquaries of two Eucharistic miracles which took place in 1230 and 1595 are held in Florence's Church of Saint Ambrose. In the 1230 miracle, a distracted priest left several drops of consecrated wine in the chalice after Mass. The next day, returning to celebrate Mass in the same church, he found in the chalice drops of living Blood coagulated and incarnated. The Blood was immediately kept in a crystal cruet. The other Eucharistic miracle took place on Good Friday in 1595, when several fragments of the Host were miraculously unharmed in a church fire.



Basilica of Saint Ambrose, Florence



Interior of the Basilica of Saint Ambrose



Precious tabernacle, done by Mino da Fiesole, where the reliquaries of the two miracles are kept



Details of the tabernacle where the reliquaries of the two Eucharistic miracles are stored



Fresco in the basilica depicting the first miracle that took place in 1230, showing the priest Ugucione carrying the Blood in procession



Reliquary of the drops of wine transformed into living Blood



Reliquary of the Hosts that survived the fire

The first miracle took place on December 30, 1230. A priest named Ugucione, having finished celebrating Mass, did not realize that several drops of consecrated wine remained in the chalice and had turned into Blood. The historian Giovanni Villani gives a precise description: "A day later, taking up the chalice he found living Blood coagulated [...] and this was shown to all the women of the monastery, and to all the locals who were present and to the bishop and to all the clergy and then it was revealed to all the Florentines, who gathered with great devotion to see. He took the Blood from the chalice and put it in a crystal cruet and again showed it to the population with great reverence." Bishop Ardingo of Pavia ordered that the reliquary be brought to him. He kept it for several weeks before returning it to the sisters of the monastery

who took care of it near the Church of Saint Ambrose. Pope Boniface IX, in 1399, granted the same indulgence as the Portiuncula to those faithful who visited the Church of Saint Ambrose and contributed to adorning the reliquary of the miracle. The 750th anniversary of the miracle was celebrated in 1980. The Reliquary (several drops of blood that measure about a square centimeter) is conserved in a reliquary which has been placed inside a white marble tabernacle constructed by Mino da Fiesole.

On Good Friday in 1595, a lit candle on the altar of a side chapel called the Sepulchre, fell to the ground and started a fire. The population immediately rushed to put out the fire and succeeded in saving the Blessed

Sacrament and chalice. In the great commotion, six fragments of consecrated Hosts fell from the pyx onto the smoldering carpet, but despite the fire were found intact and joined together. In 1628, Archbishop Marzio Medici of Florence examined them and found them incorrupt. He had them placed in a precious reliquary. Every May during the Forty Hours devotion, the two reliquaries are exposed together in a reliquary that also contains a consecrated Host for public adoration.



- white 8.5x11 copy paper 20 lb, 92 bright
- Gift cards to BJ's, Costco, and Amazon

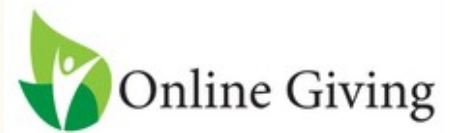
The Amazon list gives the details on the requested item but items can be purchased at any store or website.

Link to Amazon wish list:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7W2VJHBHP8OI?ref=wl_share

**We thank our generous benefactors who continue
to donate items on our list!
Thank you for your support of the parish!**

Online Giving allows you to make donations through the parish website. This convenient option for giving to your parish makes use of current technology and security standards and allows you to easily set up recurring contributions. There are many benefits for you and your parish.



To sign up, visit stmarguerite.org and click on the "Donate" tab. **Thank you for your support!**

Parishioner Benefits:

- * Secure and confidential. Adheres to banking security standards
- * Flexible. Start, stop, and change your contributions at any time
- * Simple and easy account setup
- * Contribute using direct withdrawal or credit card
- * Functional. You receive reminders and notifications about transactions

Parish benefits:

- * Stabilize contributions. Allows parish to effectively manage monthly expenses, based on consistent support
- * Secure and confidential. No need to store parishioners' account information
- * Convenient. Easy for everyone to contribute to the parish



We Stand With Christ
A CAMPAIGN FOR THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish
We Stand With Christ
Campaign Redemption**

Total Pledged: \$891,485.34

Total Unrestricted Pledges Collected: \$179,353.67

Total Restricted Pledges Collected: \$127,650.00

Total Cash Due to the Parish: \$307,003.67

as of 9/7/2023

To make a payment on your pledge, visit GiveCentral.org/WSWC or call (203) 648-9050.